



# Saving the Summit

Spencer Butte Summit needs our support and protection. In order to decrease the number of footpaths, improve hiker safety, and allow trampled vegetation to regrow, the Parks and Open Space Division will be constructing a single, well-defined trail from the tree line to the summit. You can help by staying on designated trails to minimize trampling of sensitive vegetation, lichens and mosses.



**We all need to work together to protect Spencer Butte Summit now and for the future.**



## Spencer Butte Summit is a special place in nature.

The open summit area of Spencer Butte is home to a special rocky outcrop inhabited by **rare and unique plants, animals, lichens and mosses**. Many of these fragile species are found only in this special type of habitat typically found at

higher elevations in the Coast and Cascade mountains. Spencer Butte is the largest and best example of a rocky outcrop ecosystem in the southern Willamette Valley.

## Spencer Butte Summit is a special place for people too.

The summit is the pinnacle of our community. Residents and visitors hike to the summit every day of the year to take in the spectacular views and enjoy the achievement of getting to the top. When the weather is good, large numbers of people of all ages and abilities can be found at the summit. Unfortunately our love for this place is taking its toll. The confusing trail system at the top has led to a web of different paths to the summit, and **we are unintentionally impacting its unique habitat.**

